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**Subject:** Taiwan's Inclusion in the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF)

Hoping you can support and sign-on to this letter in support of Taiwan's participation in the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework. The letter is being led by Sires, Connolly, Diaz-Balart, and Chabot.

## Support Taiwan's Inclusion in the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF)

Sending Office: Honorable Albio Sires  
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Dear Colleague:

We invite you to join us in a letter to U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo and U.S. Trade Representative Katherine Tai urging their support for Taiwan's participation in the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework.

Taiwan is a longstanding ally and major economic partner in the Indo-Pacific region. Not only was Taiwan the United States' 8<sup>th</sup> largest trading partner in 2021, it has also played a key role in diversifying our supply chain. Furthermore, Taiwan is an active participant in regional economic forums, such as the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) and has been engaged in the U.S.-Taiwan Economic Prosperity Partnership Dialogue. These forums cover many issues that would be addressed by the IPEF including supply chains, renewable energy, global health, and trade facilitation.

As the co-chairs of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus, we believe that IPEF discussions can directly benefit from Taiwan's inclusion while also sending a clear signal that the United States stands with our democratic allies and partners, especially those facing direct and increasing challenges to its democracy and security.

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Sincerely

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March XX, 2022

The Honorable Gina Raimondo

Secretary

U.S. Department of Commerce

1401 Constitution Avenue, NW

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The Honorable Katherine Tai

U.S. Trade Representative

Executive Office of the President

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Dear Secretary Raimondo and Ambassador Tai:

As Members of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus, we look forward to the Biden Administration moving ahead to develop and implement an Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF), in collaboration with allies and partners in the region. We believe IPEF is a meaningful first step for America to reengage and demonstrate leadership in the robust Indo-Pacific economic scene.

As Taiwan is a major economy in the Indo-Pacific region, we strongly believe that Taiwan should be invited to participate in the IPEF. Taiwan has already expressed an interest in participating in the IPEF. The reasons in favor of Taiwan's participation are compelling. Taiwan has long been an important trading partner of the United States and was its 8<sup>th</sup> largest in 2021 with \$114 billion in total trade. It has served a critical role in diversifying the U.S. supply chain, which has become increasingly dependent on the People's Republic of China (PRC). Since 2020, Taiwan and the United States have engaged in the U.S.-Taiwan Economic Prosperity Partnership Dialogue, covering a broad range of economic issues including digital commerce, 5G networks, telecommunications security, supply chains, infrastructure cooperation, renewable energy, global health, and science and technology—many of the same issues to be addressed by the IPEF.

Other regional participants should welcome Taiwan's inclusion in the IPEF. Taiwan has been an active member in the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) since 1991 and has worked closely with regional partners to facilitate trade and investment liberalization. Also, Taiwan has built up its partnerships with regional countries under the Global Cooperation and Training Framework (GCTF), a platform co-founded by the United States and Taiwan which Japan and Australia subsequently joined as full partners. Since its founding in 2015, GCTF's international workshops attract thousands of participants from the regional countries that benefit from Taiwan's expertise. That expertise would also enhance the likelihood of a successful outcome of the IPEF deliberations.


For these reasons alone, we believe that Taiwan should be at the front of the line to be invited to participate in the IPEF. Taiwan's inclusion would also send a clear signal that the United States stands with its allies and partners, and will not be bullied by the PRC. Mindful of Russia's ongoing war on Ukraine, it is critically important for the United States to unequivocally support Taiwan as it confronts an increasingly bellicose PRC. Taiwan's admission to the IPEF would be an essential step in demonstrating America's resolve to protect, defend, and strengthen that key partnership.

Accordingly, within all applicable rules and regulations, we urge your support for Taiwan's admission to IPEF.

Sincerely,

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